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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed July 6, 2010, the period of response being extended from October 6, 2010 to January 6, 2011.

The fee of \$1,110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity will be paid on line via an authorized credit card.

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